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SUBJECT: VISIT TO TEHRAN OF CLEMENT PONZEK OF INTA

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH MR PONZEK ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK CONCERNING PLANS OF INTERNATIONAL NEW TOWNS ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN IN DECEMBER, 1977. APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR MR PONZEK BY THIS EMBASSY AND FRENCH EMBASSY INCLUDE CALLS ON FOLLOWING GOI OFFICIALS: DIRECTOR, SHAHESTAN PAHLAVI, (NEW TOWN ADJACENT TO TEHRAN); DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS, PLUS OTHER OFFICIALS OF THIS MINISTRY; AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA. MR PONZEK REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE GOI OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF INTA'S CONFERENCE TEHRAN AND HE NOW ASSUMES THAT HE HAS NECESSARY GOI CONCURRENCE FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH IRANIAN WEEKEND, DATES OF CONFERENCE WILL NOW BE DECEMBER 11, 12, AND 13.

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DELEGATES WILL ARRIVE DECEMBER 9-10, AND MAYOR OF TEHRAN HAS SAID HE WILL HOST LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF DELEGATES. MINISTRY OF HOUSING WILL INVITE DELEGATES TO SPEND ON DAY IN ISFAHAN, PROBABLY DECEMBER 14. GOI HAS PROMISED TO MAKE AVAILABLE MINISTRY OF AGRI-CULTURE AUDITORIUM LOCATED NEAR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

3. GIVEN LIMITED INTA BUDGET FOR CONFERENCE, MR PONZEK SAID HE WOULD TRY AND OBTAIN REDUCED HOTEL RATES AND INTERNAL TRAVEL COSTS. EMBASSY JUDGES THAT THIS WILL NOT BE EASY AND EMBOFFS GAVE NO CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE THAT EMBASSY COULD BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD.

4. MR PONZEK PLANS TO RETURN TO TEHRAN IN SEPTEMBER TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPEMENTS.
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